



# Darwin Show Jumping Club

*Edition 3*

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## JUMPING CLINIC



Once again the annual DSJC jumping clinic proved overwhelmingly popular with the clinic filling up almost immediately. There was a good cross section of classes available to cater for the different standards of riders and horses. I only saw one class ( hence the photographs from only one class) and I was very impressed with the quality of teaching that I witnessed. I asked a few people for feedback and this was the response.

**Karen Ruzsicska**

*From a rider perspective I thought he was really good. Every time he asked you to do a particular task he backed it up with sound reasons and explained the benefits of what he was training. He's not radical, he just uses good solid basics, and he has a good eye for picking up the little things that riders are doing that need a bit of help.*

*Not a lot to say .....other than that Demi & I loved it and we can't wait until the next one in a couple of weeks.*

*It was so refreshing to get instruction catering for all ages and levels...and for parents to hear it on the sidelines..*

**Carina**

Clive Reed is back in Darwin at the end of the month. Karen sent out information about the next clinic last week so if interested you better get your application form and money into the club asap before the places are filled.



## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2006

Saturday 13th May	Freshmans's day
Friday May 19th	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
Sunday May 21st	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
26th—28th May	Show jumping clinic no 2
Sunday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Early June Official Show
Sunday <sup>h</sup> June 25 <sup>t</sup>	Late June Official Show
Sunday July 2nd	DSJC Official Show
Sunday July 23rd	Freshman's day
Friday July 28 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Darwin Show
Saturday August 12th	DSJC Junior/Green Horse Show
Sunday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	NT Show Jumping Championships
Sunday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	DSJC fun day
Sunday Sept 10th	DSJC Finale

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

*Listed below are the grading rules for the Darwin Show Jumping Club. If you have any questions about the grading and how it works please don't hesitate to ask one of the committee members or an experienced rider.*

### **DSJC GRADING RULES**

**EFFECTIVE 01.01.06**

#### **PREPARATORY**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 45cm.

Horses will be upgraded from Preparatory if they have 3 eligible wins. An eligible win is a win with a clear round and a minimum of 3 other horses complete the course. A win in Novice will be counted as one of your Preparatory wins. Horses are no longer able to compete in Preparatory if they have an eligible win in Elementary or above. Horses graded Pony Club C grade and above are ineligible to compete in this grade.

#### **NOVICE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 60cm.

Horses will be upgraded from Novice if they have 3 eligible wins. An eligible win is a win with a clear round and a minimum of 3 other horses complete the course. Horses are no longer able to compete in Novice if they have an eligible win in Prelim D or above. Horses graded Pony Club C grade and above are ineligible to compete in this grade.

#### **ELEMENTARY**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 75cm

Horse must have NO prior open D Grade points. A win is counted as official - only - when there are five or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and the horse has a clear first round. Once the horse has won five (5) Elementary classes, he is up graded to Preliminary D Grade. Elementary horses are permitted to compete at Preliminary D Grade level as well at the same fixture. A win in Preliminary D Grade will count as one of your Elementary wins.

#### **PRELIMINARY D**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 85cm

Current graded Pony Club B Graders will automatically be put into this grade. Horses are eligible for this grade if they have less than 4 D Grade points. A win is counted as official - only - when there are five or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and the horse has a clear first round. Once the horse has won five (5) Prelim D classes, he is upgraded to D grade. Preliminary D grade horses are permitted to compete at D Grade level at the same fixture. However, if your horse wins the open D Grade class (satisfying the criteria set out below) then he will instantly earn 4 D Grade points and will be out of Prelim D Grade. Same if he already started in Prelim D grade with a couple of D Grade points, then if he places in the open D Grade (again satisfying the criteria set out below) he could easily go over 4 points in D Grade and be out of Prelim D Grade.

### **1M D GRADE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1m

This is not an official “grade”. Horses will now be able to obtain up to 5 wins in the 1m D grade classes, after that the horse is no longer able to compete in them even if the horse has not yet gained it’s 4 D grade points. A win in the 1m D grade class will be separate from the wins in a Prelim D class ie: a horse with 4 Prelim D wins can still have up to 5 wins in the 1m D grade classes before it is considered to be upgraded (provided no further Prelim D wins are accrued). Horses with 4 or more D grade points are still unable to compete in the 1 m D grade classes

### **Open D GRADE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1.15m

Current graded Pony Club A Graders will automatically be put into this grade Horses are awarded points for places only when there are five (5) or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and at least two horses have a clear first round, resulting in a jump off. Once the horse has accumulated 16 points he is upgraded to OPEN. **HOWEVER**, if you have reached 16 points within 2 years of being graded Open D grade, you will have the option of remaining in D Grade for the full duration of two years. If you have reached 16 points in D Grade, 2 years or more after being graded D Grade, your horse will be upgraded to OPEN.

### **OPEN**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1.20m

Horses who were previously in Open C Grade, will now be classed as ”OPEN”. Horses that are graded Open will not gain any further points for wins or placings. Horses competing in Open who are currently graded below open, will still earn points for placings the same as in Open D Grade provided that they satisfy the criteria set out above.

NOTE: Points/wins are awarded from places in Mini Prix’s and Grand Prix’s and all Table A’s

You may upgrade your horse at ANY TIME. All down grading must be done through a written request to DSJC for committee approval.

Check out our website:

[www.equestrian-nt.com.au/dsjc/](http://www.equestrian-nt.com.au/dsjc/)

# NHPC GYMKHANA

There was a fantastic turn out for the jumping—in fact adult riders outnumbered the juniors big time thanks to NHPC including EFA/DSJC lower grades alongside the pony club graded classes. This was the first time this has been attempted and though there was some confusion about who could enter what and who could wear what, the day was a fantastic success—thanks to the NHPC committee to once again organising a fantastic event. A big thanks must go to the course designer Sharon Goss who gave us encouraging yet challenging courses that changed constantly between the classes to keep everyone guessing.

The grounds were a bit slippery in one corner. There was some fantastic riding and some promising newcomers especially among the new adult jumpers. Keep up the good work and lets see even more people out there giving it a go.



## SPONSORSHIP

The committee is looking for people to sponsor either individual classes at selected shows, or even perhaps a whole show. Do you know anyone, friends, family, vague acquaintances.....etc who might like to sponsor an event or class?

Why not ask them and let the committee know if they say yes.....

## SHANE DAVIDSON CLINIC

This was hosted by Berrimah Riding Club and sponsored by Saddleworld. Originally it was due to be held by DSJC but as a result of insurance issues was held by BRC. There were both jumping and dressage lessons available from the Friday to the Monday morning—with three jumping classes of 5 riders. The feedback seems to be that everyone learnt a lot and enjoyed themselves immensely. Channel 9 were there with a camera and interviewed not only Shane but our very own jumping stars Taylor Gebert and Lisa Mutimer. The cameras will be back out for the show jumping on Sunday at the Fred's Pass show and the footage will end up on TV—once I hear when it is being aired I will let you know.

A big thank you to Lancia for sponsoring and organising this event, and to Lisa for ferrying Shane around and generally keeping an eye on the clinic.

I think Shane was horrified to hear all the mums complaining about how cold it was on Saturday morning.

**NEXT EVENT**  
IS  
THE FRESHMANS DAY  
ON  
SATURDAY 13TH MAY

## FRED'S PASS SHOW

**DON'T FORGET**

**ENTRIES CLOSE  
14TH MAY**

**TO CONTACT THE COMMITTEE  
PLEASE EITHER**

**EMAIL:**

[darwinshowjumpingclub@telstra.com](mailto:darwinshowjumpingclub@telstra.com)

**OR WRITE TO**

PO Box 995, Palmerston NT  
0831

For a full list of the events for the three  
EFA disciplines and the local pony clubs log  
onto....

[www4.tpgi.com.au/efant](http://www4.tpgi.com.au/efant)

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT** – KAREN RUZSICKA

**VICE PRESIDENT** – LISA MUTIMER

**SECRETARY** – PAM PALMER

**TREASURER** – CAROL FEIN

**NEWSLETTER** – JANE PALMER

**EFA DELEGATE** – TRACY SYRIMI

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – KAREN  
BIRD, KELLY CLARKE, BERNADETTE  
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# PHOTO GALLERY

## ANNUAL JUMP CLINIC CLASS 1



## Darwin Horse and Pony Club Annual Show

14th May Show jumping

Commencing 10.30am

Judge and course designer; Sarah Mikus

Pony club E grade

Pony Club D grade

Pony club C and B

Elementary D grade AM3

D grade/open AM3

Open D grade

Pony club E and D take your own line

Pony club C and B grade take your own line

Open take your own line

Six bar—riders under 17 years

Open six bar

**Champion and reserve champion show jumper**

### *What your committee is up to.....*

- 1 The club has agreed to purchase 20 new poles and to get them painted by the prison community program.
- 2 The committee is looking at the possibility of bringing Clive up for a third clinic in July. Watch this space for further information.
- 3 Thanks to Kym Clarke who is putting up the judge for the Fred's Pass Show
- 4 DSJC has agreed to offer sponsorship to the PCANT show jump champs that happen in June.
- 5 It is being discussed whether to buy a laptop for the club to make processing of entry forms etc easier.

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

TED WARREN'S OFFICE ,  
COOLALINGA. 8PM  
TUESDAY 23 MAY

**ALL WELCOME**

We have a new committee member

**welcome to Carina Nicholson  
who has joined the committee**

you have one more person to  
complain to now.....